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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: Friday, December 22, 2017
Location: Maple Street Correctional Center
Type of Crimes/Incident: Possession for Sales of a Controlled Substance, Conspiracy to Smuggle Controlled Substances into a Correctional Facility

Summary:

On Friday, December 22, 2017, the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division, concluded a month long investigation into a ring of people sending methamphetamine laced mail into the Maple Street Correctional Center to be distributed within the jail.

Corrections staff intercepted a number of letters and cards that had been dipped in liquefied methamphetamine that had been mailed to a number of female inmates at the Maple Street Correctional Center. The same inmates would receive these tainted letters from the same sources. The suspects hoped that by dipping paper in methamphetamine and mailing it into the jail that it would not be discovered by Correctional staff. The letters were immediately detected by Correctional staff and an extensive investigation began.

In the early morning hours of Friday, December 22, 2017, search warrants were served by the Narcotics Task Force in Burlingame, Daly City and in San Francisco, resulting in the seizure of over ten ounces of methamphetamine and several thousand dollars in drug proceeds. Fifty-four year old Daly City resident Richard Wood, was arrested in Burlingame and booked for numerous counts of possession for sales of a controlled substance, transportation of a controlled substance, criminal conspiracy, and bringing drugs into a correctional facility. He is being held in lieu of \$700,000.00 bail.

Five inmates at the Maple Street Correctional Center were re-arrested and face new charges of attempting to bring a controlled substance into a correctional facility, attempted possession of a controlled substance, and criminal conspiracy.

The inmates who were re-arrested as a result of this case were:

1. Rhiannon Lawler, 37 years old, San Francisco resident
2. Shelby Myers, 26 years old, San Mateo resident
3. Peweli Pinkston, 27 years old, East Palo Alto resident
4. Sara Regan, 34 years old, San Francisco resident
5. Jean Stoller, 36 years old, Pacifica resident

Four suspects are currently outstanding in this case. They are being sought by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office who hold warrants for their arrest. They are:

1. Bridgette Chavis-Damon, 38 years old, Redwood
2. Ephraim Manlapaz, 44 years old, San Francisco resident,

3. Nancy Sanchez, 32 years old, San Francisco resident
4. Agnes Banquerifo-Taylor, 47 years old, Pacifica resident

Captain Paul Kunkel of the Maple Street Correctional Center said “This case highlights the ongoing commitment of the Sheriff’s Office to running safe Correctional facilities. We will continue to investigate and take action on any criminal activity that endangers the safety of our staff or the safety of the inmates in our custody.”

Anyone with further information about this crime or the location of the wanted subjects is encouraged to call the Special Agent Rich Daly at (650) 573-3991 or at rdaly@smcgov.org. Alternatively, you may also remain anonymous by calling the **San Mateo County Sheriff’s Anonymous Tip Line at 1-800-547-2700.**

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